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SENATE BILL

No. 1244

Introduced by Senator Soto

February 7, 2006

An act to add Section 328 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to the National Guard, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1244, as amended, Soto. National Guard: volunteers: travel and uniform allowance.

Existing law specifies certain pay and allowances for members of the National Guard.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to defray costs of service that volunteers must bear as members of the State Military Reserve and Naval Militia. This bill would authorize an allowance, as specified, to volunteers in the State Military Reserve and Naval Militia for reimbursement of uniform and travel costs. *This bill would make an appropriation of \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Military Department for the purposes of providing the allowance.*

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: ~~no~~-yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation recognizing the important contributions of the State
- 3 Military Reserve and the Naval Militia to the public safety of this

1 state, particularly in their role as a volunteer reserve force that
2 works in conjunction with the California National Guard and to
3 assume critical state duties of the National Guard should it be
4 called into active federal service. The purpose of this act is to
5 help defray costs of service that volunteers must bear as members
6 of the State Military Reserve and Naval Militia.

7 SEC. 2. Section 328 is added to the Military and Veterans
8 Code, to read:

9 328. (a) The purpose of this section is to help defray the
10 uniform and travel costs paid by volunteers in the State Military
11 Reserve and Naval Militia.

12 (b) ~~Beginning On January 1, 2007, a combined uniform and~~
13 ~~travel allowance is authorized to be paid the amount of~~
14 ~~seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) is hereby appropriated~~
15 ~~from the General Fund to the Military Department for the~~
16 ~~purposes of providing a combined uniform and travel allowance~~
17 to each volunteer member of the State Military Reserve or Naval
18 Militia, on or before the last day of the month following the
19 volunteer member's completion of one year of satisfactory
20 service in the State Military Reserve or Naval Militia, and
21 annually thereafter following the completion of any subsequent
22 full year of satisfactory service.

23 (c) For the purposes of this section, "satisfactory service" shall
24 consist of 100 percent constructive attendance at training
25 assemblies or as otherwise defined by Military Department
26 regulations.

27 (d) The amount of the allowance shall be one hundred
28 twenty-five dollars (\$125) per year.